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SUBJECT: EMBASSY SECURITY

NAIROBI FOR RSO

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1. AS OFFICE SPACE NEARS COMPLETION, DAY APPROACHES WHEN POST WILL REQUEST INSTALLATION OF SOLID DOORS WITH LOCKS TO SECURE EMBASSY PREMISES FROM REST OF BULDING. THIS WILL ENTAIL CLOSING OF FIRE STAIRS, BLOCKING OF HALL, ETC.
2. LOCAL BULDING INSPECTOR HAS JUST RETURNED FROM FRANCE WHERE HE HAS GOTTEN NEW IDEAS REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION. HE HAS STARTED CHANGING FIRE CODE AND HAS CAUSED SOME TROUBLE WITH BUILDING CONTRACTOR BY CHANGING LAWS AND BUILDING CODE AS BUILDING NEAR COMPLETION.
3. INSPECTOR IS NOT AWARE THAT EMBASSY PLANS TO CLOSE STAIRS AND HALLWAY AND WE PLAN NOT TO TELL HIM UNTIL AFTER CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS GIVEN TO BUILDER.
4. IN EVENT INSPECTOR FINDS OUT THAT WE PLAN TO VIOLATE FIRE REGULATIONS EITHER PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY OR AFTER ISSUANCE WHEN WE ACTUALLY CLOSE OFF STAIRS, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE BACKGROUND FROM DEPT. AND/OR RSO NAIROBI REGARDING APPROACH TAKEN BY OTHER US EMBASSIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL TREATY, LAWS, ON THIS SUBJECT.
5. WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS OR INFO AVAILABLE THAT MIGHT HELP PREVENT A CONFRONTATION INVOLVING INSPECTOR, BUILDER AND EMBASSY. PLEASE REPLY SOONEST.

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